(vii) Design of a landing jetty at Amini Islands, Lakshadweep.

(viii) Pipeline route survey for British Gas at Pipevav, Gujarat.

These projects and investigations help in the development of offshore activities.

Discovery of Major Archaeological Site in Gulf of Cambay

4386. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) whether a major archaeological site has been discovered in the Gulf of Cambay similar to those found in Harappan and pre-Harappan sites;

(b) is so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the site would be declared a national monument to be preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India ?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai while carrying out multidisciplinary underwater surveys of the Gujarat coast during October, 2000 to March, 2001, located archaeological sites in the Gulf of Cambay at 30 to 40 m water depth. The site is seen to extend over a length of 9 km West of Hazira. The state of the art side scan sonar surveys have picked up images which reveal geometric objects, which are normally man made. The area is seen to be lined with well-laid house basement like features partially covered by sand waves and ripples. Whether these sites are Harappan or Pre-Harappan can be determined after detailed surveys and investigations.

(c) According to Archaeological Survey of India this site cannot be declared a National Monument at this stage, as the findings have to be confirmed through detailed surveys and investigations.

Entry of unauthorised vendors in A.C. Coaches at Secunderabad

4387. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

(a) whether complaints have been received at Secunderabad Railway Station, regarding unauthorised vendors entering the A.C. coaches;

(b) if so, the action taken against the Coach Attendants and Ticket Collectors who allow unauthorised persons to enter and sell food items at very high rates inside the coaches; and

(c) the action to ban unauthorised vendors in Railway Coaches, specially in A.C. coaches ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, regular checks are conducted by Commercial and Vigilance departments in association with police to prevent unauthorised persons/vendors entering into reserved coaches including A.C. compartments. Persons/Vendors so detected are prosecuted under the relevant provisions of law. Railways staff found conniving are taken up under Discipline & Appeal rules.

Extension of Mumbai Metro Service

†4388. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the length of the route in Kilometers in respect of Metro train which is being run in Mumbai under Metropolitan Citizen Transport System;

(b) whether the Metro train service would be extended further; if so, the areas, where it would be extended;

(c) whether Government have granted permission for hundred per cent foreign investment in metropolitan transport system; and

(d) if so, whether some domestic and foreign companies have submitted proposals to undertake or extend the Metro train service in other cities or metropolitan cities, including Mumbai ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) No Metro train is being run in Mumbai under Metropolitan Citizen Transport System.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.